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2013 RAINBOW ROUND TABLE**

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Thursday: 9 pm – 12:00 pm EST **Stargate Round Table** **Host: Marietta Robert**

Friday: 9 pm – 2 am EST **Friday Night Hard News** **Hosts: T & R**

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Opening Meditation: D'Yanna

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Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we know the White Knights listen but they cannot contribute anything; part of our job is to pay for them too
 - **We need at least \$ 300** for this week!!! Much gratitude for gifts!! Many, many thanks to all who pay it forward. Thanks to all the new donors – makes it easier for all.
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on. **Every little bit helps!**
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- T & R:**
- Help with food, gas and **bills** is much appreciated - \$300
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 - Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: 2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
 - Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
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Santa Fe, NM 87505
 - **Phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

Introductory Notes:

- the Gofundme for Rama's operation is doing well: please keep the donations coming!
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<http://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-february-21-2016>

HARD NEWS

- Bernie is in a tie with Hillary, in spite of what is being said. Nationally, he is sweeping the country – this is the revolution, evolution, renaissance that comes in as we move fully into Sat Yuga and 100,000 years of peace.
- The conservatives on Thom Hartmann's panel today said Hillary will lose.
- There has been no word about the e-mails:
 - there are 2 e-mails that indict her and there are 2 more to come.
 - The judges refuse to hold the e-mails back, but the media is! Which puts the overlords of the media closer to the grave!
- They are hearing more and more about Michael Moore's movie
 - it's different from all the other movies
 - the footage is taken in other countries; any US footage is stock footage
 - there is so much positivity
 - shows from the perspective of other countries what dark ages the US is in.
 - If you don't stay for the credits, you miss a lot too! STAY FOR THE CREDITS!

R: so many good thing happening in spite of all the fear-based stories

- Natasha yesterday, Rana Mu today: you can choose love or fear; choose peace or war
- it's the polarization of how things have been so finely tuned – the solar flares, M Class, G Class flares, along with our friends, the blue avians and others, are raising all the frequencies higher – ascension symptoms are so intense!

T: have received info about something going on: that Antonin Scalia signed signed off on NESARA for the Supreme Court – **THIS DID NOT HAPPEN**. The source is a Black Op criminal site called *nesara blogs and forum*, now called the **nesara news republic**

- John McCaffey is no longer on the planet; he got involved with the Tea Party folks and the Koch Bros – **the site is a cover for the Nazi party in the country**
- As for the so-called Sovereign Investment Bank opening in Oklahoma, come March 21st don't touch it: supposedly out of Belize

From Rana Mu and Natasha: DO NOT GO THERE. It is connected with Hillary Clinton, Henry Kissinger, Phil and Wendy Grams – all criminals. The plan is to hand select a few people and then walk them through to their death – though there will be intervention so people won't get dead, but if you want to walk through that and get the scare of your ever-lovin' life, go ahead! It's NOT SOVEREIGN

- Someone they knew said they knew it was too good to be true. A good sign when we recognize this.

- Bernie is running parallel to Hillary: at an event last night, Hillary supporters made a bunch of noise and played campaign games and trashed Bernie
 - the point is discernment is necessary: stop looking for something that is 3D – we are going into Divine Government and spiritual politics – Bernie entered politics at 21 and never stopped

R: we are going into a **realm of universal economics** where the accumulation and acquisition of storing and acquiring things – investments and wealth and other things – as we step fully into what is transpiring, this is not part of that

- As we become the 33rd member of the Intergalactic Federation of Worlds, the idea of acquiring stuff goes by the wayside: **everything you need, want or desire for your mission is provided.**

Natasha told R yesterday how to access the Resonance Project / Nassim Harimein's site:

- people have to pay to go to his classes; Natasha has paid to go there, so now Rama can access some of the material through Natasha

T: this [these calls] is a student academy of its own kind: we are setting archives in place for posterity – these archives [from BBS Radio] will be taught in classrooms down the road. The progressive movement to becoming fully integrated into the academy of global ascended planets – Earth is ascending as the 33rd planet of the Universe of Nebadon to literally ascend to the 5th dimension and higher, and the 6th to the 9th dimensions are also available, and are governed by the Green Tara.

- These are vibrational patterns that go beyond 3D that are coming in, along with the conversation is ever evolving, so this is a library for future generations that is ever exploding!

BBS phone # 605-475-1600 – good for both Station 1 and Station 2.

- With the free app, people can move back and forth between the stations with one touch of a button – [call Marietta or e-mail her to get it; she has it from BBS Radio – or will get it]
- The larger archives of BBS come from around 80 hosts who use the station. So the archives are also an expanded school!
- T & R have 6 ads running throughout the day to tell others who they are;
Due to a new connection in the NESARA network, there are 50,000 links to T & R and there are more links as a result of the gofundme site
- What has been incurred by Rama due to his commitment to the cause not only from KOS, but also from St Germain and his father Ashtar
 - to work with his Twin Flame in this incarnation to bring the Shift of Ages into place – which is what NESARA is about & all we need to know to maintain peace and grow it.

Audio: Thom Hartmann BIGGER PICTURE - FLINT WATER CRISIS:

- Amy Goodman, [Democracy Now/The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope](#)

- Rev. D. Alexander Bullock, [Change Agent Consortium](#)

Discussion between Michael Moore and Amy G: Lead poisoning is the not issue in Flint – it's about nazi attempted control of the entire USA

CONFERENCE CALL

- Christine Legarde has been confirmed for a 2nd term in her current position – no one else gets to know what that position is about
 - she's the one responsible for the Global Reset idea
 - There are lots of lightworkers thinking they are going to get money from that source – time to go deeper! This is a spiritual energy we are in right now.

R: Talked to Rana Mu today and got a treatment with her laser

- the U of NM Dep't of Energy is about 8,000 ' up the mountain
- Rana Mu took R into another part of the Dep't at DoE and from there, they walked outside and literally climbed up the mountain about a city block's length: they've been having such warm days in Santa Fe, so there is no snow.
- Got to a round metal door; RanaMu put out her hand and the door opened. Inside was a cave lined with amethyst crystals everywhere; the stairs were also made of the crystals.
- They walked down about 70-80 stairs – every stair and the wall beside it lit up as they descended; as they walked down the stairs, they arrived into what seemed to be a transport cargo bay.
- RMu said they were on their way to a tunnel that leads directly into an Asthar Command base under the Santa Fe Ski Basin. The top of the ski valley is at 10,000 ft; there is

another 2,500' to reach the very top. T tells of her adventures up there when she was on her own.

- From where Rama and Rana Mu were is at least another 20 minute drive to the top.
- The tunnel was very large, with a magnetic strip down the centre for the movement of cargo.
- R Mu wanted to show R what was there in real time: the presence of an underground atomic city is related to the story of **Buddha in Red Face**. The Ashtar Command set up the base in FDR's time: the underground place was built to do atomic 'stuff' even before Oppenheimer built the bomb.
- The rip in the time/space continuum that went out to 175 million years in the future happened in galactic time – in the beginning, we did not imagine going into 3D, went from 12D to 5D fairly rapidly and thought that was enough. Then came the devolution to 3D which has been even harder on us.

- the area that RMu took him into was manifested by the Ashtar Command to monitor the dark forces – and then they walked back.

- The Christine Lagarde Global Reset will not be allowed to happen
 - There will be such lovely language about taking a trip to the bank that is opening on an indian reservation [in OK] but we have to go and get some documents signed first. This step in the process usually happens elsewhere; at this point, the threat of death for the recipient is very real. What T & R know is that certain people will be targeted to receive funds and go through the process of getting it which could end up getting people dead – except the Ashtar Command and the White Knights will not let this happen . . . but the experience will be something else!!!

- Thanks to COR for her channeling of yesterday.

COR : she does not channel the Creator, in response to one comment that was e-mailed to her.

- The presence of Bernie is so much a link between the real world and that of Nesara T& R are describing, discussing

R: in response to COR's question: No he did not see the Ashtar Command base, only the tunnel where the magnetic train runs that takes people to the command base.

- Also, it's an actual witnessing to the existence of these things.

T: Dr Keshe is alarming people with info about the west coast; **what's he's describing is not necessarily so!**

- This is a test for every soul – as we walk firmly on the good red road, we cut a path as we move beyond fear.

COR: did Rama receive any healing from the crystals while he was there?

T: he knew he got a healing, and he also upchucked a lot of stuff – had a bit of a headache from going inter dimensional. We have to do some work to get re-balanced after that kind of an event

- We are getting over the black stuff – what COR and Marshall have facilitated is a wider doorway to who Rama is and what NESARA is – there really is an Ashtar Command!
- We are at a critical juncture to transforming the time line – E T Corey talks about a gradual disclosure, but Rama is being told if you can look at the general top news around the planet – Russia, China, Iran are controlling the middle east and are saying that German exports were halved: German will not survive the economic shift

[Tues. Feb 23rd: the English pound lost 7% today in one hit! And Boris wants to do a BREXIT – Britain to do an exit from the EU]

- the overall picture is that we are watching as the 13 families spiral out of control and go into the space of being shattered and consumed as a result of their own dark energies. Their minions are waking up and becoming whistleblowers and turning state's evidence – refers

to Scalia being taken out by Opus Dei

- there are intergalactic war crimes; brings up the sideral weapons used in the Orion War that worked their way down into 3D. Like - Indra's dart was a sideral weapon

- we are the ones who have the abilities to shift things now, and the scales are in our favour
 - we are seeing Mr Hair lose it with Mr Francis, and the militarization of our police forces when they start invading and occupying and look like Darth Vader's storm troopers
 - In April, Barack is going to call back so much equipment
 - It's been announced by Executive Order – removal of all kinds of stuff; and the police will be going back to school to learn a new way of behaving.

COR: The Stock market: is it to crash completely or what?

T: The White Knights on Feb 6th, 2013 saw the global market had already crashed and was on zero across the whole world and on TV! Then it came up again.

COR: So how come there is still ups and downs, etc etc; why isn't the stock market not falling apart completely?

T: Bubble gum and duct tape!

- The Saudis won't stop flooding the markets – it's a cover up as they are already broke!
- You can see that they know: look in her eyes [Hillary's] they are not real, only glass – it's how many clones down the road?

R: a lady on Thom Hartmann talked about body language and Hillary not giving a flying f***

T: and Bernie is doing what he has been doing all his life! And there is footage about him being arrested by cops in Chicago when he was 22! Al Capone never left Chicago!!!

- And that is why the head of the Mossad is running Chicago – Rahm Emmanuel!!! His father was head of Shin Bet, an Israeli special forces group trained in abuse and murder.
- T listens to Thom Hartmann every day; Friday has been Brunch with Bernie for 4 years.
 - Bernie brought up the reformation act a few times on Thom's show and the next day there were bullet holes in Thom's car – happened 3x – so Thom won't go there.
 - He'll also lie about the chemtrails until the cows come home & hang up on you!

COR: the chemtrails have stuff in them to make people ill – does it affect consciousness?

T: Yes, it reverses the DNA : desiccated liver cells with all kinds of viruses that attack the DNA

- the microcephaly – Thom talked about it and 4,000 microcephaly babies, 85% of whom were born in one county in Brazil and then they found out there was a chemical, produced by a subsidiary of Monsanto out of Japan, that had been put in the water in that county.
- And another story is about the Zika virus and mosquito – in Venezuela there is also the Zika virus but the kids are not getting microcephaly – why?
- a lady talking incognito south of the border has been talking for months and months about the plan to kill people by water: the dark ones have had the idea that they want to reduce the population by 2% but the Altimarians are cleaning up the water and so is the Asthar Command so the dark ones cannot win for trying.
- the 2 brothers on BBS are providing for T & R that which has not been provided elsewhere – to have these archives that describe about the age of consciousness coming over the planet and that show the dangers and the other side of things, and of the people detecting what is going on and doing something about it.

- In *Al Jazeera*, the homeless people in Salt Lake City, Utah: there are hospices being created so homeless people can die in dignity. Across the US, there has been an explosion of people buying heroin on the street – millions and millions are on it – and the whole country is getting used to using opiate drugs prescribed by doctors.

COR: in the 90s there were so many reports of celebrities using drugs – a ploy to suck others in?

- Yes: That was the psychology: and today, a hit of cocaine is about \$5 - cheaper than cigarettes or prescription drugs – so lots of people are addicted to heroin all across the country.

- On stage for the announcements: Ashtar, St Germain, Amy Goodman, Bernie, Barack
 - we all know that Michelle will show up at the right time; She and Barack paid respects to Antonin Scalia today – she is ready to step on
 - The suggestion was made that Nina Turner be V P if Bernie is nominated
 - John Lewis was compromised: he risked his life and almost died at Selma – now coming out for Hillary. So did James Clyburn today – also compromised.
 - Now the Koch Bros are on the board of PBS: the 2 hour piece they are going to play tomorrow is about the Black Panthers

BBS RADIO

MOTHER SEKMET / ALCYONE [M/A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One, in the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

T: Asks for us to open to the receiving part of the energy that is coming in. We are in the denouement and in the intensest of times too.

Greetings, Children of Ra!

- Indeed, good vibrations to all; we are in the most magical times to be in these living temples of such magnificent creation. It may also seem as though we are in the worst of times – it looks like Mordor and yes it does!
 - It is this cosmic story we've all joined in; now's the time, this moment, this time we are in; we are the changers and the changed. That makes the difference in this one nano second. That nano second is about peace and love and the joy that is brought in at this time by doing the good red road we've been asked to walk on all the way home.
- It is a journey of epic proportions – only takes one step: already have done it, so to speak. It's all in this time of such magnificence as we are watching the shifting of the ages so quickly now.
 - That is this rainbow bridge we keep talking about that has already been made manifest all the way to Asgard; in these moments, we have everything about unity consciousness that is in our faces.
 - The issues that are being brought to the forefront about equality and how we love each other no matter whether we have fins or fur or we are LBGT or even ET! Matters not - we are all here at this moment and we all have an important, imperative role to play in the cosmic story we began with each other so many eons ago.
 - That is about the fine balance of joy, wisdom, peace, love, prosperity, everlasting ecstasy in these cells. These cells were not designed for agony; they were designed for ecstasy of the most wonderful kind. It may not seem that way for this moment yet it is just for a nano second; take in another inbreath, and another out breath and you will feel the ecstasy – in this moment, rejoice, for we are at the critical juncture. The scales have been turned in our favour – all that is transpiring is about the passion of ecstasy and joy, love, peace and freedom, mercy.

T: in your divine mercy, how are we going to do this? We are going to have to make arrests – it would be auspicious to make them actualize in this window?

M/A: Yes it would – she is trying to say, in a roundabout way, is the fact [that we are] already there! And how we interact with each other - the first order of business is the least among us in this moment of now.

- What she is saying is Bernie is bringing the most important issues to the front – as the people who are the ones that are in the pecking order of the supposed echelons of how you

move up the food chain – the billionaire class are a dying bunch of dinosaurs, and they are playing with a marked deck that says all the cards want to be in their favour, yet the cards are not in their favour as they are losing their integrity as fast as they can pump up the dollar signs and this cannot be continued

- the situations of the importance of this nano second is that everyone is equal in this story. The least amongst us is the first and foremost, and as Bernie says that when the average family cannot take care of themselves; as Thom was saying today if you are white, you might have \$10,000 in the bank; if you are black it is less than \$1000 in terms of how you take care of yourself.

T: As Thom has said on & it was on *Redacted Tonight*: most of the people are brown and black and asian & they could not meet a \$500 emergency! They could not even meet a \$500 emergency - and this could mean life or death

M/A: Correct. And out of left field comes what she is speaking about in this nano second

- everything has shifted with all of the fleets that she has asked to join in this divine story of ecstasy, love, peace and joy. She is speaking about some of her friends who have entered the corona of Sol, our sun – their craft is larger than our sun; it is not just a ship, but a planetoid kind of ship - there are hundreds of millions on that ship called the Blue Avians that is sitting within the corona of the sun.

T: you mean the spherical star ship that is bigger than the sun?

M/A: yes

T: what are they actually accomplishing?

M/A: Through their frequencies that come from the 100th dimension to the 12th Dimension to this level of existence, living matter, space/time and All That Is is being affected. As the G Class, M Class and D class solar flares move up in frequency, this affects our living tissues, our physicality, and it is no accident that people are going out there – many are calling it “the crazies are out!” It is about how higher frequencies affect living matter, living tissues, the particles - if you are not in a practice that brings us enlightenment and joy throughout the course of our day [unfinished]

T: When Rama was going with RanaMu into the D of E, they walked to another section and went outside and walked on the property where there is a forcefield; they went up the mountain, came to a round door and R Mu opened it by putting up her hand. The cave floor, ceiling, walls were all amethyst crystals; in the etheric physical, there was a staircase made of crystals - they went down 70-80 stairs into the cave to a cargo bay and a huge tunnel with a magnetic strip for moving cargo cars as required to go under the ski basin. It was quite a distance to get to the base by car, but not long by using the cargo car route.

- Rama's reaction in 3D brought up a lot of stuff: ascension symptoms and also detox at the same time – the ability to handle these energies on a mass scale like full disclosure – this is a feat!

M/A: To use Tony Soprano's words: it's gonna whack you one and we have to be ready to handle the energies: meditate every day!

- That is a given and how we integrate the energies and it will help tremendously.

T: Helps us adapt to the higher vibration we live it. And this will bring more and more happiness as we live it.

- As COR said yesterday: the good vibrations will come to a place that we won't feel like eating meat. And if we choose to stay in 3D, it's a free will choice yet to ascend and go elsewhere is a sharp fork in the road: requires discipline and practice and that we do it daily – it makes the work is more and more joyful and you do what you love to do because our vibrations have gone up so high.
- They've been talking to Don and Doug long enough to know that they love the work they are doing at the radio station, in spite of some of the difficulties of working with their

technologies. The persistence is there: the qualities of strengthening your resolve, and energy follows thought; and the quickening of energy following thought is quite a quickening!

- Yesterday – she is still dazed about pulling a re-dial number to call someone in California and getting to talk to someone in SE Alberta, Canada. And that someone was a good friend of a sister not on the planet any more; that the person T was talking to knew about NESARA because the sister no longer here knew about it and told her [the Canadian] about it! So there was discussion of NESARA long before it was written up by the members of Congress – a 250 page document [the perversion created by Bush Sr was 75 pages]
 - NESARA really began in 1945 when the Ashtar Command came in & became part of the US military, along with the ascended masters: these two things are not separate which is what so many lightworkers do not understand
 - St Germain [in charge of the NESARA PROJECT for earth] is a member of the Ashtar Command with a fleet of amythst ships with gold rims around them – and there are a whole bunch of them! And we are the Ground Crew who volunteered to show up at this dimensional level with a bit more of the awareness and also to take on more difficult and challenging situations.
 - There are arguments about what *freedom* means which is part of the discussion: as we move and start living the higher vibrations, we take on an evolutionary expansion at the DNA, codon level and we are embracing it - which means we are capable of taking on more light and then as we do that, we take in even more light and can keep our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground – as Rama knew how to deal with the ascension symptoms he was experiencing with Rana Mu yesterday.
- Cheryl Croci provided some CDs that Rama listens to daily. On Feb 22 at midnight, there is a healer who will spend 15 days with Rama and Tara adjusting things in the etheric/physical and the physical [tweaking the particles, Mother calls it] in a major work of healing. [thanks to Susan and Fran from Ashtar on the Road]
 - Looks like in the next 21 days, they might just be able to take the journey [to LV] and find a good house sitter for cats and plants, etc
 - the universe is almost pushing them: car needed a tweaking today which will happen on Monday – much better to have this happen before they go on the road: all things are moving in this direction.
- The negative entropy gets dissolved as we affirm that a house divided against itself shall not be and that the discernment is increased in the consciousness of all of us. And that prosperity, abundance is the nature of our beingness and it's all joy and the work expands and brings more joy. Is this where we are going, Mother? **YES**
 - the exposure is almost beyond obvious that the people are not buying what is on the TV and they are standing in their conscious place of awareness and saying yes we can

T: Rana Mu was saying the base was manifested in the 30s as the experimentation of the Hitlerian and Satonian kinds in the underground bases of which Los Alamos [**Buddha in Redface**] was to witness, monitor and not intervene - except at a moment's notice - so that doing the deed of dropping the bomb from the air at that time would be the last time.

- They have done almost as much since then: detonated the nukes planted in 1945 in Fukushima; detonated the bombs in the Pacific Ocean halfway between Australia and Antarctica on Dec 26, 2004, created a huge tsunami and killed millions of people in Sri Lanka, Thailand, India; on one Pacific island, the only survivor was a baby who had been put in a canoe and was rescued by elephants and looked after by monkeys. Over 10 million people died in spite of what was said in the "official report"
- For the record – to clean up **450 billion years** of misdemeanors, the last 71 years of which have been nothing but war: WW 2 never ended, but will be ended soon; there will be no WW 3; there will be no more death by war or any other way unless we so choose.
- There is a small group of reptiles that have had advanced ideas of things they had no

business dealing with in the first place

- we will celebrate reformation and have already begun – and the cat came back! Ie, Mother!

M/A: Where we all are is moving these temples of the living goddess into crystalline life forms that radiate the consciousness of everlasting joy and peace. This is happening in spite of all of the horrendous actions that have taken by her wayward children

T: It was Len, Penny's beloved, who arranged for that phone call? [Thursday afternoon]

M/A: Yes, Len tweaked the phone lines to get you to talk to your friend! When you know how to play with the electrons and line them up in the right way, like the Key Master in *Matrix Reloaded* when Neo, Trinity and Morpheus had to save the Key Master so they could get Neo the right key and to the right door to talk to the architect and tell him that love is the answer, how we change the story right now.

- This is what is happening. For instance, Len hooked up all the electrons to get you [T] to talk to your friend; she cannot say how he did it; that's part of how we learn our evolutionary process that, as we have the consciousness to connect on an exponential, universal level, there is nothing we cannot do.
 - It is why she keeps referring back to what Magneto/Eric said in the movie **X-Men**: we are in a new time; the DNA in our cells has been fully activated. As we interact with our abilities, our siddis, our gifts, it is an inherent part of our nature, of galactic life; it is no different than going to sleep, waking up and eating: it is just a normal day in the life of a galaxy.
 - Yet something got a little funky along the way – some of her children came here, played with the abilities and twisted the story and did not share the right information, and pulled the wool over each other's eyes. Now it has come full circle – everyone waking up: mutant and proud!
- It is what is happening to the particles in our bodies, temples, as they are mutating, transfiguring to the exponential level. As we are creator gods and goddesses of the most high, we are catching up with the so-called masters who think they are in control; we are overtaking and passing them in their own ignorance or bliss or awareness, as it may be. As we do this, we will not take the dark side of the force.
 - It has already been put into motion: we do this with the grace, beauty, joy of the living masters that we all are. This is the biggest challenge for all of humanity to get at this time, yet it is as easy as blowing our noses. It is that easy: as we meditate, work with the frequencies that are here in every day terms for us to tap into - all we have to do is trust; that means walk off the cliff as Rama keeps talking about.
 - Just last week, last Sunday, she heard the re-birthing master Sondra Ray and husband talking about going to the Himalayas, sitting with Babaji – as it has been described in the **Autobiography of a Yogi**: they sat with all the other masters, sitting in the air – it is that simple: walking on air, walking on water, it's like breathing – it's that simple. We have the abilities – go and do what we've been asked to do by our own Higher Selves: our own DNA has called us to higher duty. Answer the call of destiny – it is what will bring us the greatest joy and happiness.
 - As we are in this time of the Red Fire Monkey year, watch what happens: the golden compass will guide our way: – yes, there will be another episode [to the movie]: it is time for the witches to return so Lyra can do what she came to do: free her father and the children, and use the gold dust to travel to the next dimensional shift, to go from their realm into Mother's realm.
 - The legends are not fiction: they are based in actual facts – that we can travel with the gold dust through all the dimensions and doorways: watch the symbols – the ice bears will lead the way.

- Greetings in the Light of the most Radiant One! Kadoish, kadoish, kadoish
 - Remember we promised ourselves enlightenment this time around – SO BE IT!

R: He was to the Elysium Fields, walking along the shoreline of Athens, Greece.

T: lots going on there! The people are so friggin' upset!

R: All of it has to do with the EU needing to be broken up, like the big banks and people going back to their own currencies backed by the precious metals and gemstones that have been used by the brotherhoods and sisterhoods who are here now in the physical to help us build the light cities now manifesting in the physical. Lady Di was not kidding when she said they were manifesting:

T: Not all cities are manifested, yet the blueprints are where they need to be

- It's not just the money we are looking for; it's the evolution of our beingness so no one is left behind. Francis said a good one: those who build walls and not bridges are not Christian.

R: This is not the way that was taught by the Admiral. The first story is I am Troy Davis, I am Dr King

- what Mother brings to this time is about the Black Madonna and the goddess and this story about Jeshu who was not white, but black – looked like Obama in skin colour.
 - As this all gets to be shared, we will hear the real stories of Moses who was Akhunaton—so many of us participated in these divine timelines to get it right; it is why he keeps saying it is how we do it by getting the Rainbow Bridge built as we get it to manifest.
- Bernie is building that rainbow bridge, metaphorically and physically: he is transforming the country, the planet, by talking of giving people jobs, by bringing the economy back, by giving people [opportunity], folks of any colour whether they are from Asia, Africa or from Pandora in the Alpha Centuri system where the people are blue: it matters not.
 - We can work together and move past our issues and build the rainbow bridges. It's about getting jobs for the folks who don't have jobs because of the structures of the last 50, 100 years since the Emancipation Proclamation . . . when we don't have people living in inner cities who can't find work and they want to see the herb or do others things because they don't have jobs, Bernie is offering a way to get out of Mordor and get some dignity back

T: Bernie is paying people to work in [his election] offices – it's not a lot, but it is enough to begin new ideas of getting people involved in different activities [the tradition is that people volunteer for the person they choose] – selling herb is not necessary –

- there are many things changing energetically and this is happening to all of us; we are leaving fear-based, limited options kind of thinking ideas behind.

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. Well, 20 years ago today, *Democracy Now!* went on the air. This is how we began our [first radio episode](#) on February 19th, 1996.

AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!* From Pacifica Radio, I'm Amy Goodman in Washington. Today on *Democracy Now!*, "Live Free or Die," a look at the political landscape in New Hampshire, where the Republican Revolution has taken its toll.

ARNIE ARNESEN: If you want a taste of the country after the revolution, you might as well visit New Hampshire today, because we're the state that has the most regressive taxes in the country, that doesn't have mandatory kindergarten, that doesn't invest in its infrastructure.

AMY GOODMAN: Also, the politics of race in the Granite State, and "Money Talks: Who are the Millionaires Having Their Way in Washington?"

JEFFREY KLEIN: You need to go up to Bob Dole, now that he's on the corporate welfare line, and say, you know, "OK, that's a great—that's great that you've taken up this plank. Whose corporate jet did you fly up here on? Dwayne Andreas, the number three on the *Mother Jones* list, or Carl Lindner, the number four on the *Mother Jones* list?" You need to relentlessly expose them.

AMY GOODMAN: All coming up on *Democracy Now!* Today is President's Day, and tomorrow is the New Hampshire primary. Welcome to the maiden voyage of *Democracy Now!*, Pacifica's daily national election show. Greetings to our audiences in California, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Washington state, Kansas City and Colorado. In this election year, we're embarking on a nine-month journey through the country and hope to pick up community radio stations in many more states as we go, as we give voice to the grassroots.

AMY GOODMAN: So that was our first broadcast, February 19, 1996. For the first five years of *Democracy Now!*, we were only a radio show. We began on eight community radio stations.

Two years later, in 1998, *Democracy Now!*'s Jeremy Scahill and I documented Chevron's role in the killing of two protesters in the oil-rich Niger Delta. The protesters were occupying a Chevron-owned oil platform called the Parabe platform. The protesters were demanding jobs and compensation for environmental damage to their communities. Soon after landing in Chevron-leased helicopters, the Nigerian military shot to death two protesters and wounded several others. *Democracy Now!*'s Jeremy Scahill and I traveled to the Niger Delta to investigate, and produced the [special report](#), "Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria's Oil Dictatorship." This is an excerpt.

AMY GOODMAN: Until now, Chevron has claimed that its only action against the occupation was to call the federal authorities and tell them what was happening. But in a startling admission in a three-hour interview with *Democracy Now!*, Chevron spokesperson Sola Omole acknowledged that Chevron did much more. He admitted that Chevron actually flew in the soldiers who did the killing. And he further admitted that those men were from the notorious Nigerian navy.

SOLA OMOLE: I guess—

AMY GOODMAN: Who took them in?

SOLA OMOLE: What's that?

AMY GOODMAN: Who took them in?

SOLA OMOLE: Who took them in?

AMY GOODMAN: On Thursday morning, the Mobile Police, the navy?

SOLA OMOLE: We did. We did. We did. We, Chevron, did. We took them there.

AMY GOODMAN: By how?

SOLA OMOLE: Helicopters. Yes, we took them in.

AMY GOODMAN: Who authorized the call for the military to come in?

SOLA OMOLE: Chevron's management.

JEREMY SCAHILL: And so, here we have, on May 28th, 1998, Chevron flying in the Nigerian navy and the Mobile Police to confront a group of villagers who thought they were in the midst of a negotiation with the oil giant, which brings us to another admission by Chevron spokesperson Sola Omole. Again, listen carefully.

AMY GOODMAN: Were any of the youths armed?

SOLA OMOLE: I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. So I cannot say that they came armed with—there was talk about local charms and all that, but that's neither here nor there.

AMY GOODMAN: So, you don't think that they came onto the boat armed, you're saying?

SOLA OMOLE: No. No.

AMY GOODMAN: The youths.

SOLA OMOLE: Mm-hmm.

ORONTO DOUGLAS: It is very clear that Chevron, just like Shell, uses the military to protect its oil activities. They drill. And they kill.

JEREMY SCAHILL: Again, environmentalist Oronto Douglas.

ORONTO DOUGLAS: They are shooting our people for just demanding for their right.

AMY GOODMAN: To see the [whole documentary](#), "Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria's Oil Dictatorship," you can go to our website at democracynow.org.

Now, *Democracy Now!* grew into a daily television show in 2001, but [our first TV broadcast](#) took place in August 2000 as we covered the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

AMY GOODMAN: From Pacifica Radio, this is *Democracy Now!* "Breaking with Convention: Power, Protest and the Presidency." George Bush accepts the Republican nomination for president. We'll get reaction from Barbara Gonzalez and Jello Biafra. Also, a look at the conduct of the Philadelphia police this week and a tour through the Independent Media Center. All that and more, coming up on Pacifica Radio's *Democracy Now!*

You are listening to Pacifica Radio's *Democracy Now!*, broadcasting on community radio stations around the country, on public access TV stations around the country, on the Internet, both live-streaming and videocasting at www.democracynow.org, in an unprecedented community-media collaboration. I'm Amy Goodman, here with Juan González, as we continue our reaction to the nomination speech of—the acceptance speech of George W. Bush for nomination by the Republican Party as their presidential candidate. Juan?

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Yes, as I said, an amazing speech by Bush in—you know, he actually attempted, basically, to portray himself as a caring, sensitive, compassionate conservative. But the reality of the message that he was bringing, of increased military spending, of privatization of Social—of portions of Social Security accounts, of charter schools that would help to begin to tear apart the public school system rather than raise the level of the public school system throughout, I think was one that was clearly, clearly at the right fringe of American politics today.

AMY GOODMAN: So that was at the Republican convention. We move forward a few months to [Election Day 2000](#). Then-President Bill Clinton was calling radio stations to get out the vote for Hillary, who was running for the Senate seat of New York—of course, Hillary Clinton—and for Al Gore running for president. Among the places he called was WBAI. While he may have intended to spend a couple minutes on the phone, WBAI host Gonzalo Aburto and I kept him on the line for about half an hour, asking him about topics that weren't being discussed in the presidential race.

AMY GOODMAN: Mr. President, are you there?

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: I am. Can you hear me?

AMY GOODMAN: Yes, we can.

GONZALO ABURTO: Yeah.

AMY GOODMAN: You're calling radio stations to tell people to get out and vote. What do you say to people who feel that the two parties are bought by corporations and that they are—at this point feel that their vote doesn't make a difference?

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: There's not a shred of evidence to support that. That's what I would say. It's true that both parties have wealthy supporters. But let me offer you—let me just give you the differences. Let's look at economic policy. First of all, if you look at the last eight years, look where America was eight years ago, and look where it is today. We have the strongest economy in history. And for the first time in 30 years, the incomes of average people and lower-income working people have gone up 15 percent after inflation. The lowest minority unemployment ever recorded, the highest minority home ownership, the highest minority business ownership in history—that's our record.

AMY GOODMAN: President Clinton, U.N. figures show that up to 5,000 children a month die in Iraq because of the sanctions against Iraq.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: That's not true. That's not true. And that's not what they show. Let me just tell you something. Before the sanctions, the year before the Gulf War—you said this—how much money did Iraq earn from oil? Answer: \$16 billion. How much money did Iraq earn last year from oil? How much money did they get, cash on the barrel head, to Saddam Hussein? Answer: \$19 billion, that he can use exclusively for food, for medicine, to develop his country. He's got more money now, \$3 billion a year more, than he had nine years ago. If any child is without food or medicine or a roof over his or her head in Iraq, it's because he is claiming the sanctions are doing it and sticking it to his own children.

AMY GOODMAN: The past two U.N. heads of the program in Iraq have quit, calling the U.S. policy—U.S.-U.N. policy "genocidal." What is your response to that?

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: They're wrong. They think that we should reward—Saddam Hussein says, "I'm going to starve my kids unless you let me buy nuclear weapons, chemical weapons and biological weapons. If you let me do everything I want to do, so I can get in a position to kill and intimidate people again, then I'll stop starving my kids." And so, we're supposed to assume responsibility for his misconduct. That's just not right.

AMY GOODMAN: Many people say that Ralph Nader is at the high percentage point he is in the polls because you've been responsible for taking the Democratic Party to the right. What do you say to listeners who are listening around the area right now—

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: Well, I'm glad you ask that.

AMY GOODMAN: —to allay their concerns?

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: I'm glad you ask that. That's the last question I've got

time for. I'll be happy to answer that.

What is the measure of taking the Democratic Party to the right? That we cut the welfare rolls in half? That poverty is at a 20-year low? That child poverty has been cut by a third in our administration? That the incomes of average Americans have gone up 15 percent after inflation? That poverty among seniors has gone below 10 percent for the first time in American history? That we have the lowest African-American, the lowest Latino unemployment rate in the history of the country? That we have a 500 percent increase in the number of minority kids taking advanced placement tests? That the schools in this country, that the test scores among—since we've required all the schools to have basic standards, test scores among African Americans and other minorities have gone up steadily? Now, what—

AMY GOODMAN: Can I say what some people—

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: Let me just finish.

AMY GOODMAN: Let me just say—

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: Let me—now, wait a minute. You started this, and every question you've asked has been hostile and combative. So you listen to my answer, will you do that?

AMY GOODMAN: They've been critical questions.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: Now, you just listen to me. You ask the questions, and I'm going to answer. You have asked questions in a hostile, combative and even disrespectful tone, but I—and you have never been able to combat the facts I have given you. Now, you listen to this.

AMY GOODMAN: That was President Bill Clinton on *Democracy Now!* in 2000, the day he called into WBAI Radio, where we were broadcasting from. The next day, the White House called and said I would be banned from the White House, because they had said he had a couple of minutes and we kept him on the air for a half an hour. I said, "The president is the leader of the free world, the most powerful person on Earth. He could have hung up if he wanted to."

Well, today we are celebrating 20 years of *Democracy Now!* The first broadcast, February 19th, 1996. We're taking a freewheeling journey through the last two decades. And a bunch of people have wished us happy birthday.

ROBERT REDFORD: I'd be happy to wish you a happy birthday. We have a lot in common. We started small, you started small. And look, here we are. It's building, it's growing. And I think it's all good. So, happy birthday. Don't wish me a happy birthday, because it draws attention to my birthday, which I want to forget.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you say your name?

ROBERT REDFORD: Paul Newman.

ODETTA: [singing] *When my way grows drear, precious lord, linger near. When my life is, oh, almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall. Take my*

hand, precious lord. Lead me home.

AMY GOODMAN: The legendary folk singer Odetta performing "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" in our firehouse studio on September 11, 2002. It was the first anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We did a [special four-hour broadcast](#).

This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, as we celebrate 20 years of *Democracy Now!* We go back after the September 11th attacks to revisit a remarkable conversation between two New Yorkers, Rita Lasar and Masuda Sultan. Rita Lasar lost her brother, Abe Zelmanowitz, on the 27th floor of the World Trade Center during the 9/11 attacks. Masuda Sultan was an Afghan woman living in New York at the time of the 9/11 attacks. She soon got word that 19 members of her family had been killed in a U.S. attack in Afghanistan.

When they met in our studio, a lot of New York media were there for this exclusive moment. Masuda Sultan had just returned from her native Afghanistan, where she met with surviving members of her family. We're going to turn to the [conversation between Rita and Masuda](#). But first, we go to the report Masuda did for *Democracy Now!* as she made her way to Afghanistan from Pakistan while investigating the killing of her family.

MASUDA SULTAN: There were women and children running for their lives, being shot at by a helicopter hovering over their homes. And these people were not Taliban supporters. They weren't al-Qaeda fighters. They were simple Afghans trying to stay safe in their own country. The events of September 11th really made me angry, but seeing these people and what they went through makes me angry, as well. You know, they say that in war—they say that you have to break a couple of eggs in order to make an omelet, but when those eggs are your family, what can you do?

RITA LASAR: I live on the 15th floor and ran to my neighbor's house, and she has a clear view of downtown Manhattan. And I looked out her window and saw the second plane hit the second building. And it dawned on me: My brother works there. ...

I went down to the hospitals to see if his name was on a list. And then I realized he had died. And because he had stayed behind to stay with his quadriplegic brother—I'm sorry, friend, who couldn't get out, although he was on the 27th floor and he could have saved himself, he died.

And then President Bush mentioned him in the National Cathedral speech and cited him as being a hero. And I realized that my government was going to use my brother as justification for killing other people, and that had a tremendous impact on me. I didn't want that to happen, not in my brother's name. And so I wrote a letter to the *Times*, which they printed, asking our government to please be cautious and not do something they couldn't take back.

And then I was asked to speak at a peace rally, and I did it. And just before I went on, I was told they had started bombing Afghanistan, and I realized something I had never realized before. I had heard the term "collateral damage" all my life. It was always used about people far away from us. And I realized now what it meant, because my brother was collateral damage, in a war that he didn't want and Masuda's people didn't want. And I knew I had to do something, but I didn't know what.

And then I got a call from this wonderful woman from this marvelous organization

called Global Exchange, and she said, "Would you like to go to Afghanistan and meet people like you who have lost their families?" And I thought, "That's perfect," because Masuda and I are the same. There's no difference between us.

MASUDA SULTAN: First of all, I want to express my condolences to Rita. I did before, but I think your brother is a hero, and you're a hero for continuing his legacy. And it's amazing to me that someone who's lost so much isn't as revenge-hungry as some of the other people that seem to want to, you know, go start bombing whoever, wherever. You know, a lot of this is about revenge, I feel, because—especially having seen the faces of the people there and realizing that these are the farthest things from the enemy that we could find.

AMY GOODMAN: Afghan American Masuda Sultan and Rita Lasar, a New Yorker, meeting for the first time where we were broadcasting, in our firehouse studios at Downtown Community Television. We were blocks from Ground Zero, the closest national broadcast to Ground Zero when the attacks took place.

We're going to jump forward a few months to May 20th, 2002. That was when East Timor became an independent country. It had been occupied since 1975 by Indonesia. It was one of the worst genocides of the late 20th century. I had been reporting on East Timor for years. On November 12th, 1991, journalist Allan Nairn and I were there when Indonesian soldiers armed with U.S.-made M16s opened fire on thousands of unarmed East Timorese civilians who were gathered at the Santa Cruz cemetery.

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA: I lost one sister and two brothers.

EAST TIMORESE WOMAN: [translated] It was 10 days before I was to give birth. The army was shooting people, and they would die at our feet, but you couldn't stop to help them.

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA: I know families that were totally wiped out.

EAST TIMORESE MAN: Two American newsmen badly beaten: Mr. Allan Nairn and Miss Amy Goodman.

AMY GOODMAN: The Indonesian army converged in two places.

ALLAN NAIRN: Hundreds and hundreds of troops coming straight at the Timorese.

AMY GOODMAN: When they came, they opened fire on the people.

PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH: We pride ourselves, and I think properly so, in standing up for human rights.

RICHARD BOUCHER: Military assistance programs expose the trainees to democratic ideas and humanitarian standards.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: I'm very concerned about what's happened in East Timor. We have ignored it so far in ways that I think are unconscionable.

AMY GOODMAN: "Massacre: The Story of East Timor." I'm Amy Goodman.

AMY GOODMAN: You can go to *Democracy Now!* to see the [whole documentary](#) of "Massacre." At least 271 Timorese were killed on November 12, 1991. My colleague Allan Nairn, the Indonesian military fractured his skull, but we were able to leave that country that day. More than a decade later, [May 20th, 2002](#), East Timor did become, at the time, the newest nation in the world. Allan Nairn and I returned to the capital, Dili, East Timor, for the celebration. And then, President Clinton, who was not president at the time—he was representing the United States under President Bush—went to reopen the embassy in a newly independent East Timor. Allan Nairn questioned him.

ALLAN NAIRN: In 1999, in April, the Indonesian military and their militias massacred 50 people in the rectory in Liquiçá. They hacked them with machetes. Two days later, Admiral Blair, the commander for the Pacific, your commander, met with General Wiranto, the Indonesian commander. He offered to help him in lobbying the U.S. Congress to get full US military training restored. He made no mention of the Liquiçá massacre. During that same period, the Indonesian militias rampaged here in downtown Dili. They attacked the house of Manuel Carrascalão. They massacred the refugees there. Yet you continued for months with aid to the Indonesian military. Why?

BILL CLINTON: What's your question, sir?

ALLAN NAIRN: Why did you continue with aid to the Indonesian military if they were killing civilians?

BILL CLINTON: Well, first of all, I can't—I can't answer the question you asked about Admiral Blair. You'll have to ask him that, because I'm not aware of that.

ALLAN NAIRN: He was working for you. Why did you continue military aid to Indonesia?

BILL CLINTON: I understand, but—I understand that. I think, first of all, I don't believe America or any of the other countries were sufficiently sensitive in the beginning and for a long time, and a long time before 1999, going all the way back to the '70s, to the suffering of the people of East Timor. I don't think we can defend everything we did.

I think that—I think that our objective, which was to try to keep Indonesia from coming apart and from having some of the influences that I think we still worry about in Indonesia dominate, led us to do some things, which, in my judgment, made us not as sensitive as we should have been to the suffering of the people here. ...

I think we did the right thing in the U.N. I think we did the right thing in bringing the Australians and the ASEAN troops here. And I think the right thing to do is to do what the leaders of East Timor said. They want to look forward. You want to look backward. I'm going to stick with the leaders. You want to look backward, have at it, but you'll have to have help from someone else.

ALLAN NAIRN: During 1999, when they massacred [inaudible]—

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you., Mr. President.

BILL CLINTON: Thank you. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you very much.

BILL CLINTON: Thank you, guys. Thank you.

ALLAN NAIRN: —you were not aware of what was happening?

UNIDENTIFIED: Come on.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you., Mr. President.

BILL CLINTON: Thank you.

ALLAN NAIRN: When they massacred people in the Liquiçá church, you were not aware of what was happening?

BILL CLINTON: I've answered your questions.

AMY GOODMAN: President Bill Clinton responding to questions from journalist Allan Nairn, who survived the 1991 Santa Cruz massacre. Two hundred seventy Timorese were killed.

AMY GOODMAN: That was May of 2002. We're going to go forward now to February 15th of 2003. More than half a million people rallied in New York—estimates even went higher—to say no to war, joining millions in protests around the world saying no to war in Iraq. *Democracy Now!* broadcast live from the New York protest on that freezing cold day where protests rocked the world for peace. This is actor and activist [Harry Belafonte](#) taking to the stage.

HARRY BELAFONTE: Today is a historic and a proud day in the name of America. The world has sat by with tremendous anxiety and with a great fear that we did not exist. They have been told and they have felt that what our country, with its press and the leaders in the administration, have said. We today invalidate all that. We stand for peace. We stand for the truth of what is at the heart of the American people.

This is not the first time that we as people have been misled by the leadership. We were misled by those who created the falseness the Bay of Tonkin, which falsely led us into a war with Vietnam, a war that we could not and did not win. We lied to the American people about Grenada and what was going on in that tiny island. We've lied to the American people about Nicaragua, El Salvador, Cuba and many places in the world. And we stand here today to let those people and others know that America is a vast and diverse country, and we are part of the greater truth of what makes our nation. Dr. King once said that if there is—if mankind does not put an end to war, war will put an end to mankind.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to turn right now to 2004. It was the second ouster of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

AMY GOODMAN: At this hour, the streets of Port-au-Prince are barricaded. President Aristide and his wife, Mildred Aristide, are inside the palace. Armed gangs, paramilitaries are moving closer towards the capital of Port-au-Prince. We turn to the

palace, where I just got off the phone with the first lady of Haiti, Mildred Aristide.

MILDRED ARISTIDE: The situation is quite critical. You know, the thugs and the FRAPH and the military, who are heavily armed in the north, are sending messages repeatedly on the airwaves in Haiti that they stand ready at any moment to storm Port-au-Prince.

AMY GOODMAN: From Pacifica Radio, this is a *Democracy Now!* exclusive.

REP. MAXINE WATERS: He was kidnapped. He said he was forced to leave Haiti.

AMY GOODMAN: Did U.S. security forces kidnap Haitian President Aristide? We'll speak with Congressman Maxine Waters and Aristide's close friend, TransAfrica founder Randall Robinson.

RANDALL ROBINSON: He said tell the world it's a coup, it's a coup, it's a coup.

JOURNALIST: Representative Waters is claiming on Pacifica stations on the West Coast that Aristide was led away in handcuffs by U.S. marines, and claiming the marines were part of a coup to remove him. I wonder if either one of you would gentlemen would comment on her comment or claim? Other than to smile.

DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD: I'm trying to pick the right words. If you're asking me, "Did that happen?" the answer is no.

JOURNALIST: But any embellishment?

DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD: I think not today.

PRESIDENT JEAN-BERTRAND ARISTIDE: They forced me to leave Haiti. It was a kidnapping, which they call a coup d'état or, for some others, if nothing else, then something which is resignation for me. It wasn't a resignation. It was a kidnapping under the cover of coup d'état.

AMY GOODMAN: It's been an historic 48 hours. Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has defied Washington, returning to the Caribbean. Late last night, I returned to New York after a trip that began on Saturday, when I accompanied a delegation of U.S. and Jamaican officials who set off from Miami, Florida, on a mission to escort President Aristide and his wife Mildred back to the Caribbean. On the plane, I asked President Aristide why he believes the U.S. wants him gone.

PRESIDENT JEAN-BERTRAND ARISTIDE: Ask the U.S. the question, they will answer you. I can have opinions, but I will not answer for them. For instance, we are the first black independent country in the world. We just celebrated 200 years of independence last January 1st. Those who want to invest in killing democracy, in bloodshed, they don't accept you as an elected president. We've had 32 coups d'état, plus the last one, 33, in our 200 years of independence. Our goal was to move not from coup d'état to coup d'état anymore, but from elections to elections—free, fair and democratic elections. That wasn't their goal. They went back to coup d'état.

AMY GOODMAN: That was ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. As we flew over the

Atlantic, we got word from Washington that Condoleezza Rice, then-Secretary of State Colin Powell and others were saying the Aristides were not to return to the Western Hemisphere, to which Randall Robinson, who is founder of TransAfrica, in the plane with us, said, "Whose hemisphere?" They said he was not to return to his country, Haiti. Ultimately, the Aristides would land in Jamaica and go into exile in South Africa for a number of years. Ultimately, they came back to Haiti, and *Democracy Now!* was on the plane when they flew back to Haiti. To see all of our [coverage of Haiti](#) over the years, go to democracynow.org, as we today take a freewheeling journey through the last two decades of *Democracy Now!* It's our 20th birthday.

ROGER WATERS: Here we are, 2016. This is Roger Waters, wishing *Democracy Now!* a very, very happy 20th birthday. May you be around for another 20 years and another and another and another. We need your voice.

[break]

AMY GOODMAN: That was Sweet Honey in the Rock performing in our firehouse studio back in 2003. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman. It's our 20th anniversary.

MATHANGI "M.I.A." ARULPRAGASAM: This is Mathangi Arulpragasam, a.k.a. M.I.A. To *Democracy Now!*, thank you for being here. Happy birthday. I hope you keep going. And I'm here to support you.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, thank you so much, M.I.A. As we celebrate 20 years of *Democracy Now!*, we're going to go back in time in this freewheeling journey through our history to the days just after Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. We were down in New Orleans, the community of Algiers, and I was speaking with Malik Rahim, co-founder of the Common Ground Collective, who showed us how a corpse still remained on the street unattended [two weeks after the storm](#).

MALIK RAHIM: Now, his body been here for almost two weeks. Two weeks tomorrow, all right, that this man's body been laying here. And there's no reason for it. Look where we at. I mean, it's not flooded. There's no reason for them to be—left that body right here like this. I mean, that's just totally disrespect. You know? And, I mean, two weeks. Every day, we ask them about come and pick it up. And they refuse to come and pick it up. And you could see, it's literally decomposing right here, right out in the sun. Every day we sit up and we ask them about it, because, I mean, this is close as you could get to tropical climate in America. And they won't do anything with it.

AMY GOODMAN: Malik, do you know who this person is?

MALIK RAHIM: No. But regardless of who it is—I wouldn't care if it's Saddam Hussein or bin Laden—nobody deserve to be left here. And the kids pass by here, and they're seeing it. I mean, the elderly. This is what's frightening a lot of people into leaving. We don't know if he's a victim of vigilantes or what. But that's all we know is that his body had been allowed to remain out here for over two weeks.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Malik Rahim of the Common Ground Collective. And we're going to jump forward now to 2007, when Juan González and I interviewed CNN anchor [Lou Dobbs](#) for the hour.

AMY GOODMAN: I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González. Our guest for the hour is

Lou Dobbs.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: So that the question is that there is a huge disparity between the economic levels in Mexico and the economic levels in the United States. And you have properly said many times on your show that American companies are creating the problems, rather than helping to alleviate the problems. All that would be needed to do is to raise the economic level in Mexico, and the entire illegal immigration population problems would decline in this country. And not only that, but the country, if it had a higher immigration quota in connection with—

LOU DOBBS: Are you giving me instruction, or are you telling me what we agree upon?

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: No, we don't agree. We don't agree, because you are demonizing illegal immigration as a separate issue. ...

LOU DOBBS: How in the world can you use my name and "anti-immigrant" in the same breath?

AMY GOODMAN: When we hear comments like—

LOU DOBBS: You hear—

AMY GOODMAN: —a third of the—from you—we've played them, so we can't refute the videotape, Lou.

LOU DOBBS: Have you looked, Amy—

AMY GOODMAN: We can't refute— a third of prisoners are—

LOU DOBBS: Yes. And we discussed that?

AMY GOODMAN: —are illegal immigrants—

LOU DOBBS: Have we discussed it?

AMY GOODMAN: No, a third of prisoners are illegal immigrants, not true. Seven thousand leprosy cases in the last three years because of illegal immigrants—

LOU DOBBS: Christine Romans misspoke—

AMY GOODMAN: —not true.

LOU DOBBS: —we said that. And that's as straightforward as we can put it.

AMY GOODMAN: And you made an announcement on your show—

LOU DOBBS: Absolutely.

AMY GOODMAN: —and you will say it here—

LOU DOBBS: Absolutely.

AMY GOODMAN: —that it is not true. Illegal immigrants are not responsible for 7,000 cases of leprosy over last three years.

LOU DOBBS: Not over the last three years.

AMY GOODMAN: To see that [whole hour](#) that Juan González and I had with Lou Dobbs, go to [democracynow.org](#). But we're moving forward. We're racing to the finish line here. On [September 1st, 2008](#), *Democracy Now!* producers Sharif Abdel Kouddous, Nicole Salazar and I were among well over 40 journalists who were arrested during a police crackdown at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul. As the riot police came at Nicole, and they were shouting, "On your face!" she shouted back at them as she was filming, "Press! Press!"

NICOLE SALAZAR: Watch out! Watch out! Press!

POLICE OFFICER: Get out of here! Move!

NICOLE SALAZAR: Where are we supposed to go? Where are we supposed to go?

POLICE OFFICER: Get out of here!

NICOLE SALAZAR: Dude, I can't see! Ow! Press! Press! Press!

POLICE OFFICER: Get down! Get down on your face! On your face!

NICOLE SALAZAR: I'm on my face!

POLICE OFFICER: Get down on your face!

NICOLE SALAZAR: Ow! Press! Press!

AMY GOODMAN: That was Nicole Salazar screaming as the riot police took her down, bloodying her face. As Sharif Abdel Kouddous told the riot police to calm down, they kicked him twice in the chest, threw him against a wall and arrested him, as well. When I got the call on the convention floor about what had happened, I raced outside to the corner of 7th and Jackson, where the riot police had formed a line, having fully contained the area. I asked to speak with a commanding officer to get Sharif and Nicole released.

AMY GOODMAN: Sir?

POLICE OFFICER: Ma'am, get back to the sidewalk.

DENIS MOYNIHAN: Release the accredited journalists now!

AMY GOODMAN: Sir, just one second. I was just running from the convention floor.

DENIS MOYNIHAN: You are violating my constitutional rights. You are violating their constitutional rights.

POLICE OFFICER: Sidewalk now!

AMY GOODMAN: Sir, I want to talk to your superior—

POLICE OFFICER: Arrest her?

AMY GOODMAN: Do not arrest me!

POLICE OFFICER: Come on.

AMY GOODMAN: Do not arrest me!

POLICE OFFICER: Hold it right there. You're under arrest. Stay right there. Back up. Back up.

POLICE OFFICER: Everybody, you cross this line, you'll be under arrest, so don't do it.

CROWD: Let her go! Let her go!

AMY GOODMAN: After our arrest, ultimately we were released, but we sued the St. Paul and Minneapolis police, as well as the Secret Service, and ultimately won a six-figure settlement. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*, as we spoke out against the police crackdown on journalists and the illegal arrests of protesters, as well.

But we're moving forward to 2010 on this 20th anniversary tour of *Democracy Now!*. The whistleblowing website WikiLeaks released [footage](#) of U.S. soldiers firing from a military helicopter on Iraqi civilians. The dead included two employees of Reuters news agency—the videographer Namir Noor-Eldeen and his driver, Saeed Chmagh.

U.S. SOLDIER 1: Let me know when you've got them.

U.S. SOLDIER 2: Let's shoot. Light 'em all up.

U.S. SOLDIER 3: Come on, fire!

U.S. SOLDIER 2: Keep shootin'. Keep shootin'. Keep shootin'. Keep shootin'.

U.S. SOLDIER 4: Hotel, Bushmaster two-six, Bushmaster two-six, we need to move, time now!

U.S. SOLDIER 2: All right, we just engaged all eight individuals.

AMY GOODMAN: Julian Assange, tell us how you got this footage.

JULIAN ASSANGE: We got this footage sometime last year. We don't disclose precise times for reasons of source protection. When we first got it, we were told that it was important and that it showed the killing of journalists, but we didn't have any other context, and we spent quite some months after breaking the decryption looking closely into this. And the more we looked, the more disturbing it became. This is a sequence

which has a lot of detail and, I think, in some ways covers most of the bad aspects of the aerial war in Iraq and what we must be able to infer is going on in Afghanistan.

AMY GOODMAN: That was WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaking in Washington, D.C., in 2010. To see [all of our interviews with him](#) now, as the last three-and-a-half years he's been in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, having gotten political asylum from Ecuador, you can go to [democracynow.org](#). But we're going now to the Egyptian revolution that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in 2011. *Democracy Now!*'s Sharif Abdel Kouddous was on the ground in Cairo.

SHARIF ABDEL KOUDDOUS: The sun is setting here on Tahrir Square. It's Thursday night. This is the night after the Mubarak regime launched a coordinated campaign of violence to try and take back the streets of Cairo from the pro-democracy uprising that claimed them one week ago, over nine days ago. We're here in Tahrir. They remain defiant. They have held onto Tahrir, but they suffered terribly. We've seen many wounded. And the battle still rages on the periphery. Rocks are being thrown. There are army tanks. Shots are being fired. Unclear what's going to happen tonight, but we will continue to follow developments here. It's still a tense situation. But the people are proud and defiant. And Friday will be a decisive day, regardless of what happens. I'm Sharif Abdel Kouddous, with Hany Massoud, for *Democracy Now!*

AMY GOODMAN: That [report](#) aired on Friday, February 4th, 2011. Hosni Mubarak would resign one week later. Sharif Abdel Kouddous continues to report for us from Egypt.

On September 21st, 2011, *Democracy Now!* [broadcast live for six hours](#) from the grounds of the prison in Georgia where Troy Anthony Davis was executed. We were the only news outlet to continuously broadcast live from the death row prison grounds.

AMY GOODMAN: From Georgia's death row prison in Jackson, this is a *Democracy Now!* special broadcast. We are just an hour from the scheduled execution of Troy Anthony Davis, an execution the whole world is watching.

MARTINA CORREIA: And I just would like to say that, you know, I've been battling cancer for 10 years. And I'm—I don't have cancer, but I'm reaping some of the effects of the medicine. Several months ago, I couldn't—I was doing fine. And after that, I couldn't get up out of the chair. But I'm here to tell you that I'm going to stand here for my brother today.

[with crowd] I am Troy Davis! You are Troy Davis! We are Troy Davis!

KRISTEN STANCIL: The court-ordered execution of Troy Anthony Davis has been carried out. The time of death is 11:08 p.m. At this time, the media witnesses will be coming out to give their firsthand account of what happened during the execution.

AMY GOODMAN: Again, prison official sharing the news that Troy Anthony Davis was executed at 11:08. That was the time of death. I'm standing with...

WESLEY BOYD: Wesley Boyd. And I'd like to say this has been a travesty of justice. And I'd like to tell the—America ought to be ashamed of yourself. And God help America. And if you're alive in America, please don't come to Georgia. Don't come to Georgia. Don't buy any Georgia pecans. Don't buy any Georgia peaches. Don't buy any trade with Georgia. The whole world, don't buy anything with Georgia. God bless America. God bless Troy Davis.

AMY GOODMAN: That was September 2011. A few months later, Troy's biggest advocate, his sister Martina Correia, would also die of cancer. To see all our coverage of the [Troy Anthony Davis](#) case, go to democracynow.org.

But we're racing forward to [July 2015](#), when *Democracy Now!* interviewed all three co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement—Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi and Alicia Garza. This is Alicia.

ALICIA GARZA: The Black Lives Matter movement has to, by its very nature, be intersectional, because of the complexities of who black people are in this country and throughout the world. There is nothing separate about wages from black life and the survival of black people than police violence and police terrorism. We even still have a situation in this country where we have black workers who are not covered by federal labor protections, like domestic workers and farm workers. So we certainly can't just look at the issues of police violence. Police violence is the tip of the iceberg when it relates to the conditions overall of black people across the globe.

AMY GOODMAN: In our 20 birthday *Democracy Now!* special, we race forward to [October 2014](#), to the world-renowned political dissident, linguist and author, Noam Chomsky. I went with him to the United Nations to interview him in front of 800 people at the U.N. General Assembly. It included world leaders, ambassadors and people who just crowded into the U.N. to see Noam Chomsky.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you think is the most—the single most important action the United States can take? And what about its role over the years? What is its interest here?

NOAM CHOMSKY: Well, one important action that the United States could take is to live up to its own laws. Of course, it would be nice if it lived up to international law, but maybe that's too much to ask, but live up to its own laws.

AMY GOODMAN: And today we end with the late, great historian Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*. We spoke to him so frequently over *Democracy Now!*'s years. This is [Howard Zinn in 2005](#).

HOWARD ZINN: In modern warfare, soldiers fire, they drop bombs, and they have no notion, really, of what is happening to the human beings that they're firing on. Everything is done at a distance. This enables terrible atrocities to take place. And I think reflecting back on that bombing raid, and thinking of that in Hiroshima and all the other raids on civilian cities and the killing of huge numbers of civilians in German and Japanese cities, the killing of a hundred thousand people in Tokyo in one night of firebombing, all of that made me realize war—even so-called good wars against fascism, like World War II—wars don't solve any fundamental problems, and they always poison everybody on both sides. They poison the minds and souls of everybody on both sides. We're seeing that now in Iraq, where the minds of our soldiers are being poisoned by being an occupying army in a land where they are not wanted. And the results are terrible.

AMY GOODMAN: To see all of the highlights of *Democracy Now!* over 20 years, go to our website at democracynow.org. That last voice, the late, great historian Howard Zinn. Special thanks to Mike Burke and all the team that makes *Democracy Now!* happen over these decades. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González. We thank you.

2016-02-14 **Economist~ Sanders Plan Means Millions of New Jobs**

By [Joan Brunwasser](#)

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Prof. Gerald Friedman and Cezanne tie
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Comprehensive Report Predicts: 26 Million New Jobs, Median Income Up \$22k, Unemployment Will Dip to 3.8%

My guest today is Gerald Friedman, professor of economics at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Welcome back to OpEdNews, Jerry.

JB: You and I were in touch just a few weeks ago for the first time to discuss Hillary's perhaps inadvertent distortion of the numbers behind Bernie's single-payer policy: [Econ Prof Protests Gross Distortion of Work by WSJ and Clinton Campaign](#) [1.19.2016]. I certainly wasn't expecting to talk to you again so soon! But I was hooked when I read an article on CNN that quoted you: [Under Sanders, income and jobs would soar, economist says](#). I'm sure that this isn't what Bernie's opponents want to hear. Tell us more, please.

GF: Such criticisms led me to do this work. This goes back to the September article in the *Wall Street Journal*, charging that Sanders would bankrupt the United States by increasing federal spending by \$18 trillion over 10 years*. When I read the article, I said to a friend that this needed a real dynamic analysis because much of the spending Sanders proposes would replace other spending, so it is not new spending, and it would increase revenues by promoting faster economic growth. She asked me how someone could do this analysis and, foolishly optimistically, I suggested it would be easy; anyone could do it, because all you need are a few multipliers and elasticities. Naturally, she suggested that I do it.

A friend once told me that only optimists ever get anything done because if people knew how difficult it would be to do things, no one would ever start.

JB: There's something to that. So, how did you go about this?

GF: So, after nearly four months of almost nonstop work, I have my multipliers, elasticities, and good estimates of how much Sanders would increase spending, taxes, and what it would do to the federal deficit. For each of over a dozen spending programs, I calculated the various "offsets": moneys that would have been spent in these areas but were not because of the new Sanders program. I then calculated for the entire spending program, the sum of these programs, the effect on national income and employment, and the "offset" in reduced spending on social services, due to increased employment. In short, I did the same for the tax program and for the various regulatory changes, including higher minimum wages, pay equity, and others. For each tax, spending, regulatory program, I also had to estimate who would bear the burden or receive the benefits, because at different income levels, people respond differently to increases or reductions in income. (Economists label this the Marginal Propensity to Consume at different income levels. I

used estimates of this from the Congressional Budget Office.)

JB: Okay. I'm with you so far.... But, go easy! Economics is clearly not my first language.

GF: By the way, all of this required that I contact the Sanders campaign where they generously helped me to identify exactly what he was proposing in taxes, spending, and regulations. That is how I came to share with them my own work on financing a national single-payer program. Thus, I came full circle back to my original single-payer work!

JB: The Sanders campaign is not only aware of what you're doing but supplied numbers so you could better do your work. Interesting.

GF: The net result of all these calculations of net changes in spending is a number: the change in effective demand associated with the Sanders program, and the change for each year 2017-26. (For simplicity sake, I assumed that his program was enacted entirely as he proposes on January 1, 2017.) I then used estimates from the Congressional Budget Office of the current value of the "multiplier," or the effect on national income of an increase in effective demand. (In order to minimize any estimate of the positive benefit of the Sanders program, I projected the value of the multiplier going forward from now on the assumption that it would fall steadily as the economy expanded.) With this annual multiplier, I projected the effect of the Sanders program on GDP. With the value of GDP, I estimated employment using a relationship that economists call "Okun's Law" or the relationship between changes in employment and GDP. With the value of employment, I estimated the unemployment rate, assuming changes in immigration (which is pro-cyclical or increases when the economy is doing well) and movements in-and-out of the labor force. With the unemployment rate, I estimated changes in wages (adjusting for the effect of regulatory changes such as the minimum wage and the effect of the Improved-Medicare-for-All program). Finally, with GDP, employment, wages and taxes, and regulatory changes, I estimated the effect on income for different groups.

*Candidate Bernie's numbers ARE adding up
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JB: Yikes! I didn't realize there are quite so many variables to take into account.

GF: There are a lot of numbers and a lot of spreadsheets here. And a lot of equations and assumptions. Many times, I woke up in the middle of the night worrying that I had forgotten something, had made a wrong assumption or entered a wrong equation, and that everything I had done was wrong! Several times, I went downstairs to my computer and there my wife would find me at 4AM or 5AM checking. One fun thing about this is the way all the results are

interconnected so when I change one number, I can watch all the other numbers change and my graphs change. It is as close to choreography and the grace of a dance as economics ever gets.

This is probably more detail than most of your readers want! I thought it is important to lay out my method, however, to emphasize a few points.

First, I could do this for Sanders because he is running an issues campaign and has presented a coherent economic program where we can do this type of analysis. I couldn't do it, for example, for any of the Republican candidates because they haven't explained how they would finance the tax cuts they propose or what they would do with health care after repealing the ACA.

Second, this is a global analysis: the various attacks on Sanders have all been on particular aspects: too many taxes or too much spending. But the program needs to be assessed as a whole.

Third, while someone could criticize various aspects of my work, I used conventional methods and standard assumptions. No hocus-pocus or voodoo economics here: just the methods of the CBO and standard, orthodox economics.

Finally, I project very high rates of economic growth and growth in employment *compared with the past 35 years*. But not compared with earlier times, such as the 1960s. Some have said that I am too optimistic in my projections, but just as Senator Sanders proposes returning to the infrastructure spending, higher-education policy, some aspects of the regulatory regime, and the progressive tax policy of the Eisenhower and Kennedy/Johnson years, I assume that we can grow as quickly as in those times and have unemployment rates as low as in the 1950s and 1960s.

JB: Phew. No trying to decipher the jottings on the back of a cocktail napkin for you! What a massive undertaking, Jerry. And potentially so useful! Bernie's critics have been hell-bent on claiming that his numbers don't "add up". You show not only that they do, but that they point to some very positive ramifications elsewhere in the economy. This is major news. But, who's listening? Any reaction to your findings so far?

GF: Excellent question! There has been a withering barrage of attacks on Sanders, his health program, and his larger economic program. I expect attacks from the right, but have been surprised by attacked from liberals, including some who one might have expected to be sympathetic. As recently as 10 years ago, for example, Kenneth Thorpe advocated a national single payer health plan and wrote about the enormous savings such a plan would produce. Now, he attacks Sanders. I have long admired Paul Starr; I have been less impressed with his misleading attacks on Sanders.

It hasn't been all bad! I have heard from *a lot* of people, including professional colleagues and academicians, interested in the study and exciting about my findings. And I have had as much media attention as I can handle with over two dozen radio/TV/newspaper interviews in the last week alone. (I was on Radio New Zealand on Friday!) Honestly, all this attention has tired me out -- I still have my other research, administrative work (I chair the personnel committee in my college), and I teach both a graduate class (American Economic History) and our big undergraduate microeconomics class with 700 students. (Fortunately, my dog Beowulf comes to my classes to help raise my course evaluations. And I give out chocolate to the students.)

I would like to think that the report is helping to lift the public dialog and will encourage all the candidates to release enough detail about their program that people can evaluate them as I have evaluated Sanders. Meantime, I hope, at a minimum, that I have provided material for responsible journalists and others to understand better the full implications of the Sanders program.

JB: Me too, Jerry. Me too. Thanks so much for talking with me. It's always a pleasure!

*correction of typo: statement originally said "billion" instead of "trillion". Scott Baker, my fellow OEN editor, caught this. Thank you, Scott!

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